

TYPES OF SENTENCES

Types of Sentences	Definition	Example	Purpose
Simple	A sentence with only one independent clause; sometimes referred to as a main clause.	"Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise." - Alice Walker	To clearly state an idea
Compound	A sentence that contains at least two independent clauses. Compound sentences can be formed in three ways: (1) using coordinating conjunctions (and, but, for, nor, or, so, yet); (2) using the semicolon, either with or without conjunctive adverbs (accordingly, afterward, also, anyhow, anyway, as a result, at last, at the same time, besides, certainly, consequently); (3) on occasion, using the colon.	"A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on." - John F. Kennedy	To show the link between two or more ideas
Complex	A sentence that contain an independent clause and at least one dependent clause. Dependent clauses include adverb clauses - begins with a subordinating conjunction (if, when, because, or although), adjective clauses - usually begins with usually begins with a relative pronoun (which, that, who, whom, whose) or a relative adverb (where, when, why), and noun clauses - commonly begins with that - clause and wh- clause.	"Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." - Philo	To provide more information about an idea
Compound-Complex	A sentence with two or more independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.	"For in the end, freedom is a personal and lonely battle; and one faces down fears of today so that those of tomorrow might be engaged." - Alice Walker	To provide more information about two or more ideas